1 2 3 BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 4 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 5 IN RE COMPLIANCE 6 PDC CASE NO.: 03-019 **WITH RCW 42.17** 7 FINAL ORDER IMPOSING FINE WHATCOM COUNTY REPUBLICAN 8 **PARTY** 9 Respondent. 10 11 **INTRODUCTION** 12 The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) conducted an 13 enforcement hearing under chapters 34.05 and 42.17 RCW and chapter 390-37 WAC on 14 January 28, 2003, with respect to the above-encaptioned matter. The Commission 15 convened the hearing at the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, 711 Capitol Way South, 16 in Olympia, Washington. The Respondent appeared through Bruce Ayers, current 17

19 chairman. The Staff appeared through Philip E. Stutzman, Director of Compliance. The

Commission held the hearing to determine whether the Respondent violated RCW

chairman of the Whatcom County Republican Party, and George Manchester, former

42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file reports of contribution and expenditure

activities.

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During the hearing, the Staff presented, for the Commission's consideration, the Report of Investigation dated January 7, 2003, the Notice of Administrative Charges issued January 8, 2003, and the parties' Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty dated January

28, 2003. Specifically, the parties agreed that the Report of Investigation and Notice of
Administrative Charges contain accurate statements of fact. The Respondent and Staff
agreed that the Respondent committed multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and RCW
42.17.090 during calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001 by failing to timely file reports of
contribution and expenditure activities (PDC Forms C-3 and C-4) and by failing to timely
report details of expenditures. The Respondent and Staff further agreed that the
Respondent is willing to accept an assessed total civil penalty of \$5,000 with \$2,500 of this
penalty suspended on the condition that the Respondent commits no further violations of
RCW 42.17 through the end of calendar year 2004. The parties' Stipulation is attached to
this Order and is incorporated herein by reference.

ORDER

Based upon the above findings, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. That the Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty is accepted;
- 2. That the Respondent committed multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 during calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001 by failing to timely file reports of contribution and expenditure activities (PDC Forms C-3 and C-4) and by failing to timely report details of expenditures;

- 3. That a total civil penalty of \$5,000 is assessed against the Respondent;
- 4. That \$2,500 of the penalty is suspended on the condition that the Respondent commits no further violations of RCW 42.17 through the end of calendar year 2004; and
- 5. That the Respondent is to pay \$1,000 of the non-suspended portion of the penalty
 within 30 days of the date of the Commission's final order in this matter, and is to

pay the remaining non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$1,500) in three monthly payments of \$500 each beginning March 31, 2003 and ending May 31, 2003.

RECONSIDERATION

Any party may ask the Commission to reconsider this final order. Parties must place their requests for reconsideration in writing, include the specific grounds or reasons for the request, and deliver the request to the Public Disclosure Commission Office within TEN (10) days of the date that the Commission serves this order upon the party. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470(3), the Public Disclosure Commission is deemed to have denied the petition for reconsideration if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the Commission does not either dispose of the petition or serve the parties with written notice specifying the date by which it will act on the petition. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470(5), the Respondent is not required to ask the Public Disclosure Commission to reconsider the final order before seeking judicial review by a superior court.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to RCW 42.17.395(5), a final order issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.542(2), a petition for judicial review must be filed with the superior court in Thurston County or the petitioner's county of residence or principal place of business. The petition for judicial review must be filed with the superior court and served on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within 30 days of the date that the Public Disclosure Commission serves this final order on the parties.

1	If reconsideration is properly sought, the petition for judicial review must be served
2	on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within thirty (30) days after the
3	Commission acts on the petition for reconsideration. The Commission will seek to enforce
4	this final order in superior court under RCW 42.17.395-397, and recover legal costs and
5	attorney's fees, if the penalty remains unpaid and no petition for judicial review has been
7	filed under chapter 34.05 RCW. This action will be taken without further order by the
8	Commission.
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10	DATED THIS 31st day of January, 2003.
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12	FOR THE COMMISSION:
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14 15	VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director
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